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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CHANEY et al.

Art Unit: 1638

Application No.: 09/147,721

Examiner: M. Ibrahim

Filed: February 24, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108172-09005

For: METHOD FOR PHYTOMINING OF NICKEL, COBALT AND  
OTHER METALS FROM SOIL

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

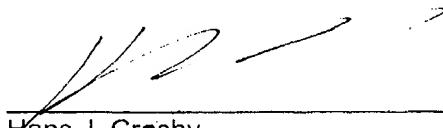
August 26, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two (2) months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 26, 2003 from June 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary extension fee of \$205.00 along with any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108172-09005. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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